An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, there is no pattern to their selection of victims; however, some active shooters have carefully orchestrated their attack to maximize casualties and fatalities.

Before law enforcement arrives, individuals must be prepared mentally and physically to handle an active shooter incident.
SURVIVING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE RUN, HIDE, FIGHT VIDEO ON HOW TO BEST PROTECT YOURSELF AND SURVIVE AN ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT IN THE WORKPLACE. THE LESSONS TAUGHT IN THIS VIDEO ARE EFFECTIVE IN ANY ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT.
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**RUN**

If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to escape the area.

**Have an escape route and plan in mind**
**Escape regardless of whether others follow**
**Leave your property behind**
**Help others escape, if possible**
**Prevent others from entering areas where the assailant may be**
**Keep your hands visible so that you are not mistaken as the attacker**
**Follow the instruction of law enforcement officials**
**Call 911 when you are safe**

**If you cannot escape safely, you must find a place to hide where you are not likely to be found by the attacker.**

**Be out of the active shooter’s view**
**Hide behind objects that can provide protection from shots fired in your direction**
**Never trap yourself in an area that restricts escape or movement**
**If you are hiding in a room, lock the door and use heavy furniture to prevent forcible entry**
**Silence your cell phone and other devices**
**Turn off sources of noise, such as radios or televisions**
**Stay quiet**

**FIGHT**

If you are confronted by the attacker and cannot escape or hide, you must fight to survive. Fighting for survival is a final effort, but may be necessary when all else fails. Utilize any objects nearby as weapons and swing with force.